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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A portable deck system for use with conventional recreational vehicles and fifth wheel campers having an entry door above ground level, the system comprising:

a platform assembly having a top surface positionable adjacent to a threshold of the entry door, said platform assembly providing a horizontal space for a user external to the entry door;

a stair assembly operationally coupleable to said platform assembly, said stair assembly providing a vertical transition between said platform assembly and ground level;

said platform assembly including a plurality of decking members, a first support frame assembly and a second support frame assembly;

said first support assembly being selectively couplable to said second support assembly to support said plurality of decking members, said first support assembly being selectively separable from said second support assembly to facilitate storage and transport of said platform assembly;

said platform assembly further comprising a trio of leg members, each one of said trio of leg member being hinged to said first support assembly, each one of said trio of leg members being telescopic to adjust an overall height of said leg member;

said platform assembly further comprising a second trio of leg members, each one of said second trio of leg members being hinged to said second support assembly, each one of said second trio of leg members being telescopic to adjust an overall height of said leg member;

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each one of said plurality of decking members being selectively coupleable to an associated one of said first support assembly and said second support assembly;

wherein said stair assembly further comprises:

a stair frame assembly providing a plurality of incremental vertical supports between ground level and said platform assembly;

a plurality of stair treads, each one of said stair treads being coupleable to an associated one of said plurality of incremental vertical supports;

said stair frame assembly being selectively coupleable to said platform assembly to facilitate access between said platform assembly and ground level, said stair frame assembly being selectively separable from said platform assembly to facilitate storage and transportation of said access means;

a railing assembly having at least one handrail portion and at least two vertical stanchions, said at least one handrail portion being positioned between said at least two vertical stanchions, each one of said at least two vertical stanchions being coupleable to said platform assembly;

said first support frame assembly comprising a first tubular horizontal member having a first lateral extent, a second lateral extent, a third lateral extent, and a longitudinal extent, said longitudinal extent extending between said first lateral extent and said second lateral extent, said third lateral extent being positioned between said first lateral extent and said second lateral extent, said third lateral extent being coupled to a medial portion of said longitudinal extent, said first tubular horizontal member being substantially E-shaped;

said second support frame assembly comprising a second tubular horizontal member having a fourth lateral extent, a fifth lateral extent, a sixth lateral extent, and a second longitudinal extent, said second longitudinal extent extending between said fourth lateral extent and said fifth lateral extent, said sixth lateral extent being positioned between said

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fourth lateral extent and said fifth lateral extent, said sixth lateral extent being coupled to a medial portion of said second longitudinal extent, said second tubular horizontal member being substantially E-shaped.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein said platform assembly further comprises:

a trio of lateral extent splice members, each one of said trio of lateral extent splice members having a first end fixedly coupled to a distal end of an associated one of said first lateral extent, second lateral extent, and third lateral extent, each one of said trio of lateral extent splice members having a second end with an aperture extending therethrough;

each one of said fourth lateral extent, fifth lateral extent, and sixth lateral extent having a distal end with a mating aperture extending therethrough;

said second end of each one of said trio of lateral extent splice members being slideably receivable within said distal end of an associated one of said fourth lateral extent, fifth lateral extent, and sixth lateral extent;

said aperture extending through each one of said second ends of said trio of lateral extent splice members being alignable with an associated one of said mating aperture of said fourth lateral extent, fifth lateral extent, and sixth lateral extent; and

a trio of pin members, each one of said pin members being positionable through an associated pair of an aperture and a mating aperture whereby said first support frame assembly is coupled to said second support frame assembly.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further comprising:

each one of said lateral extents and longitudinal extents of said first

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support frame assembly and said second support frame assembly having a generally square cross-section facilitating identification of said first and second support assemblies as part of said platform assembly;

said at least one handrail portion and said at least two vertical stanchions each having a generally round cross-section facilitating identification of said handrail and stanchion assemblies as part of said railing assembly.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further comprising a securing means for selectively coupling said platform assembly to said recreational vehicle to inhibit movement of said platform assembly relative to said recreational vehicle.

18. (Previously Presented) A portable deck system for use with conventional recreational vehicles and fifth wheel campers having an entry door above ground level, the system comprising:

a platform assembly having a top surface positionable adjacent to a threshold of the entry door, said platform assembly providing a horizontal space for a user external to the entry door;

a stair assembly operationally coupleable to said platform assembly, said stair assembly providing a vertical transition between said platform assembly and ground level;

said platform assembly including a plurality of decking members, a first support frame assembly and a second support frame assembly;

said first support assembly being selectively couplable to said second support assembly to support said plurality of decking members, said first support assembly being selectively separable from said second support assembly to facilitate storage and transport of said platform assembly;

said platform assembly further comprising a pair of leg members, each one of said pair of leg member being hinged to said first support assembly, each one of said pair of leg members being telescopic to adjust an overall height of said leg member;

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said platform assembly further comprising a second pair of leg members, each one of said second pair of leg members being hinged to said second support assembly, each one of said second pair of leg members being telescopic to adjust an overall height of said leg member;

each one of said plurality of decking members being selectively coupleable to an associated one of said first support assembly and said second support assembly;

wherein said stair assembly further comprises:

a stair frame assembly providing a plurality of incremental vertical supports between ground level and said platform assembly;

a plurality of stair treads, each one of said stair treads being coupleable to an associated one of said plurality of incremental vertical supports;

said stair frame assembly being selectively coupleable to said platform assembly to facilitate access between said platform assembly and ground level, said stair frame assembly being selectively separable from said platform assembly to facilitate storage and transportation of said access means;

a railing assembly having at least one handrail portion and at least two vertical stanchions, said at least one handrail portion being positioned between said at least two vertical stanchions, each one of said at least two vertical stanchions being coupleable to said platform assembly;

wherein said platform assembly further comprises:

a trio of lateral extent splice members, each one of said trio of lateral extent splice members having a first end fixedly coupled to a distal end of an associated one of said first lateral extent, second lateral extent, and third lateral extent, each one of said trio of lateral extent splice members having a second end with an aperture extending therethrough;

each one of said fourth lateral extent, fifth lateral extent, and sixth lateral extent having a distal end with a mating aperture

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extending therethrough;

said second end of each one of said trio of lateral extent splice members being slideably receivable within said distal end of an associated one of said fourth lateral extent, fifth lateral extent, and sixth lateral extent;

said aperture extending through each one of said second ends of said trio of lateral extent splice members being alignable with an associated one of said mating aperture of said fourth lateral extent, fifth lateral extent, and sixth lateral extent; and

a trio of pin members, each one of said pin members being positionable through an associated pair of an aperture and a mating aperture whereby said first support frame assembly is coupled to said second support frame assembly.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, further comprising:

each one of said lateral extents and longitudinal extents of said first support frame assembly and said second support frame assembly having a generally square cross-section facilitating identification of said first and second support assemblies as part of said platform assembly;

said at least one handrail portion and said at least two vertical stanchions each having a generally round cross-section facilitating identification of said handrail and stanchion assemblies as part of said railing assembly; and

a securing means for selectively coupling said platform assembly to said recreational vehicle to inhibit movement of said platform assembly relative to said recreational vehicle.

21. (Cancelled)